

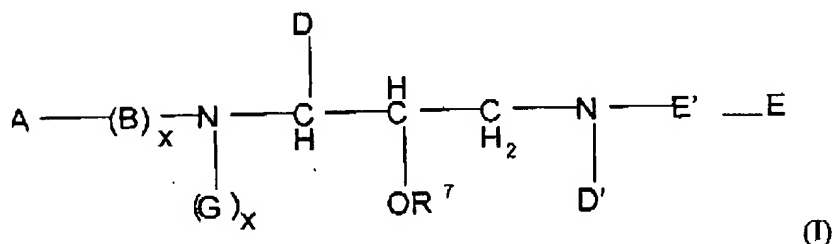
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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

E' is $[-\text{CO}-$ or $]-\text{SO}_2-$;

A is selected from $-\text{R}^1-\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6$ alkyl, which is optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from hydroxy, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, Ht, $-\text{O}-\text{Ht}$, $-\text{NR}^2-\text{CO}-\text{N}(\text{R}^2)_2$, $-\text{SO}_2-\text{R}^2$ or $-\text{CO}-\text{N}(\text{R}^2)_2$; or $-\text{R}^1-\text{C}_2-\text{C}_6$ alkenyl, which is optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from hydroxy, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, Ht, $-\text{O}-\text{Ht}$, $-\text{NR}^2-\text{CO}-\text{N}(\text{R}^2)_2$ or $-\text{CO}-\text{N}(\text{R}^2)_2$; or R^7 ;

R^1 is $-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})-$;

each Ht is independently selected from C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl; C_5-C_7 cycloalkenyl; C_6-C_{14} aryl; or a 5-7 membered saturated or unsaturated heterocycle, containing one or more heteroatoms selected from N, O, or S; wherein said aryl or said heterocycle is optionally fused to Q; and wherein any member of said Ht is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from oxo, $-\text{OR}^2$, SR^2 , $-\text{R}^2$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^2)(\text{R}^2)$, $-\text{R}^2-\text{OH}$, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^2$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{N}(\text{R}^2)_2$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-\text{N}(\text{R}^2)_2$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^2)-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{R}^2$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^2)-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}-\text{R}^2$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{R}^2$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_n-\text{R}^2$, $-\text{OCF}_3$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_n-\text{Q}$, methylenedioxy, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^2)-\text{S}(\text{O})_2(\text{R}^2)$, halo, $-\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{NO}_2$, Q, $-\text{OQ}$, $-\text{OR}^7$, $-\text{SR}^7$, $-\text{R}^7$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^2)(\text{R}^7)$ or $-\text{N}(\text{R}^7)_2$;

each Q is independently selected from a 3-7 membered saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated carbocyclic ring system; or a 5-7 membered saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic ring containing one or more heteroatoms selected from O, N, or S; wherein Q is optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from oxo, $-OR^2$, $-R^2$, $-SO_2R^2$, $-SO_2-N(R^2)_2$, $-N(R^2)_2$, $-N(R^2)-C(O)-R^2$, $-R^2-OH$, $-CN$, $-CO_2R^2$, $-C(O)-N(R^2)_2$, halo, $-CF_3$;

each R^2 is independently selected from H, or C_1-C_4 alkyl; and wherein said alkyl, when not a substituent of Q, is optionally substituted with Q or $-OR^3$; wherein when said R^2 is an $-OR^3$ substituted moiety, said R^3 in $-OR^3$ may not be $-OR^2$ substituted;

B is absent, ~~when present, is $-N(R^2)-C(R^3)_2-C(O)-$~~ ;

each x is independently 0 or 1;

each R^3 is independently selected from H, Ht, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl or C_5-C_6 cycloalkenyl; wherein any member of said R^3 , except H, is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from $-OR^2$, $-C(O)-NH-R^2$, $-S(O)_n-N(R^2)(R^2)$, $-N(R^2)_2$, $-N(R^2)-C(O)-O(R^3)$, $-N(R^2)-C(O)-N(R^2)$, $-N(R^2)-C(O)-(R^2)$, Ht, $-CN$, $-SR^2$, $-CO_2R^2$, or $NR^2-C(O)-R^2$;

each n is independently 1 or 2;

G is H, ~~when present, is selected from H, R^2 or C_1-C_4 alkyl, or, when G is C_1-C_4 alkyl, G and R^2 are optionally bound to one another either directly or through a C_1-C_3 linker to form a heterocyclic ring; or~~

~~when G is not present, the nitrogen to which G is attached is bound directly to the R^2 group in $-OR^2$ with the concomitant displacement of one ZM group from R^2 ;~~

~~D is selected from Q; C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, $-OR^2$, $-S-Ht$, $-R^3$, $-O-Q$ or Q; C_2-C_4 alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from $-OR^2$, $-S-Ht$, $-R^3$, $-O-Q$ or Q; C_3-C_6~~

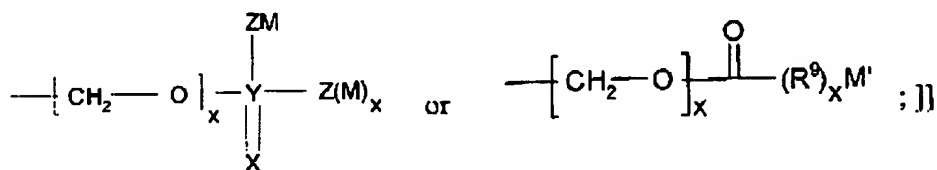
~~cycloalkyl optionally substituted with or fused to Q; or C₃-C₆ cycloalkenyl optionally substituted with or fused to Q;~~

D' is selected from C₁-C₁₅ alkyl, C₂-C₁₅ alkenyl or C₂-C₁₅ alkynyl, each of which contains one or more substituents selected from oxo, ~~[[halo,]]~~ -CF₃, -OCF₃, -NO₂, azido, -SH, ~~[[SR³,]]~~ -N(R³)-N(R³)₂, -O-N(R³)₂, -(R³)N-O-(R³), ~~[[N(R³)₂,]]~~ -CN, -CO₂R³, -C(O)-N(R³)₂, -S(O)_n-N(R³)₂, -N(R³)-C(O)-R³, -N(R³)-C(O)-N(R³)₂, -N(R³)-C(O)-S(R³), -C(O)-R³, ~~[[S(O)_n-R³,]]~~ -N(R³)-S(O)_n(R³), -N(R³)-S(O)_n-N(R³)₂, -S-NR³-C(O)R³, -C(S)N(R³)₂, -C(S)R³, -NR³-C(O)OR³, -O-C(O)OR³, -O-C(O)N(R³)₂, -NR³-C(S)R³, =N-OH, =N-OR³, =N-N(R³)₂, =NR³, -NNR³-C(O)N(R³)₂, =NNR³-C(O)OR³, =NNR³-S(O)_n-N(R³)₂, -NR³-C(S)OR³, -NR³-C(S)N(R³)₂, -NR³-C[=N(R³)]-N(R³)₂, -N(R³)-C[=N-NO₂]-N(R³)₂, -N(R³)-C[=N-NO₂]-OR³, -N(R³)-C[=N-CN]-OR³, -N(R³)-C[=N-CN]-(R³)₂, -OC(O)R³, -OC(S)R³, -OC(O)N(R³)₂, -C(O)N(R³)-N(R³)₂, -O-C(O)N(R³)-N(R³)₂, O-C(O)N(OR³)(R³), N(R³)-N(R³)C(O)R³, N(R³)-OC(O)R³, N(R³)-OC(O)R³, N(R³)-OC(O)R³, -OC(S)N(R³)₂, -OC(S)N(R³)(R³), or PO₃-R³; ~~with the proviso that when R² is H, E' is -SO₂, G is H or alkyl, and when B is present or when B is not present and R⁴ is -C(O)-, D' may not be C₁-C₁₅ alkyl substituted with one substituent selected from -N(R³)₂, -SR³ or -S(O)_n-R³, or substituted with two -N(R³)₂ substituents;~~

E is selected from Ht; O-Ht; Ht-IIt; Ht fused with Ht; -O-R³; -N(R²)(R³); C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from R⁴ or Ht; C₂-C₆ alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from R⁴ or Ht; C₃-C₆ saturated carbocycle optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from R⁴ or Ht; or C₅-C₆ unsaturated carbocycle optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from R⁴ or Ht;

each R⁴ is independently selected from -OR², -OR³, -SR², -SOR², -SO₂R², -CO₂R², -C(O)-NHR², -C(O)-N(R²)₂, -C(O)-NR²(OR²), -S(O)₂-NHR², halo, -NR²-C(O)-R², -N(R²)₂ or -CN; and

each R⁷ is ~~independently selected from~~ hydrogen, H,



wherein each M is independently selected from H, Li, Na, K, Mg, Ca, Ba, $N(R^2)_4$, C_1-C_{12} -alkyl, C_2-C_{12} -alkenyl, or R^6 ; wherein 1 to 4 CH_2 radicals of the alkyl or alkenyl group, other than the CH_2 that is bound to Z, is optionally replaced by a heteroatom group selected from O, S(O), $S(O)_2$, or $N(R^2)$; and wherein any hydrogen in said alkyl, alkenyl or R^6 is optionally replaced with a substituent selected from oxo, OR^2 , R^2 , $N(R^2)_2$, $N(R^2)_3$, R^2OH , CN, CO_2R^2 , $C(O)N(R^2)_2$, $S(O)_2N(R^2)_2$, $N(R^2)C(O)R^2$, $C(O)R^2$, $S(O)_nR^2$, OCF_3 , $S(O)_nR^6$, $N(R^2)S(O)_2(R^2)$, halo, CF_3 , or NO_2 ;

M' is H, C_1-C_{12} -alkyl, C_2-C_{12} -alkenyl, or R^6 ; wherein 1 to 4 CH_2 radicals of the alkyl or alkenyl group is optionally replaced by a heteroatom group selected from O, S, $S(O)$, $S(O)_2$, or $N(R^2)$; and wherein any hydrogen in said alkyl, alkenyl or R^6 is optionally replaced with a substituent selected from oxo, OR^2 , R^2 , $N(R^2)_2$, $N(R^2)_3$, R^2OH , CN, CO_2R^2 , $C(O)N(R^2)_2$, $S(O)_2N(R^2)_2$, $N(R^2)C(O)R^2$, $C(O)R^2$, $S(O)_nR^2$, OCF_3 , $S(O)_nR^6$, $N(R^2)S(O)_2(R^2)$, halo, CF_3 , or NO_2 ;

Z is O, S, $N(R^2)_2$, or, when M is not present, H;

Y is P or S;

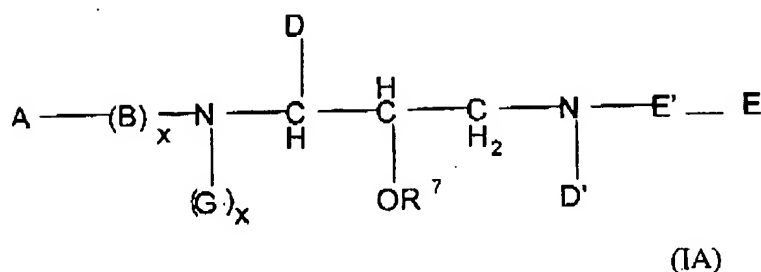
X is O or S;

R^9 is $C(R^2)_2$, O or $N(R^2)$; and wherein when Y is S, Z is not S;

R^6 is a 5-6 membered saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring system, or an 8-10 membered saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated bicyclic ring system; wherein any of said heterocyclic ring systems contains one or more heteroatoms selected from O, N, S, $S(O)_n$ or $N(R^2)$; and wherein any of said ring systems optionally contains 1 to 4 substituents independently selected from OH, C_1-C_4 -alkyl, $O-C_1-C_4$ -alkyl or $O-C(O)-C_1-C_4$ -alkyl; and

each R^5 is independently selected from hydrogen, C_1-C_8 -alkyl, C_2-C_8 -alkenyl, C_2-C_8 -alkynyl or Ht, wherein any R^5 , except for hydrogen, is optionally substituted with CF_3 , PO_3R^3 , azido or halo.

2. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1, having the formula IA:



wherein:

D' is selected from C₁₋₁₅ alkyl, C₂₋₁₅ alkenyl or C₂.C₁₅ alkynyl; each of which is substituted with one to two -CN groups and ~~each of which~~ is optionally substituted with C₃.C₈ cycloalkyl.

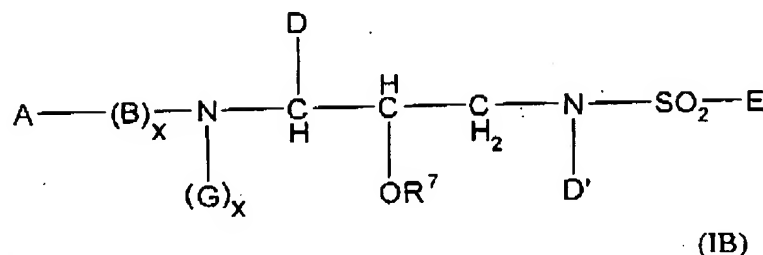
3. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 2 wherein:

D' is selected from C₁₋₁₅ alkyl or C₂₋₁₅ alkenyl; each of which is substituted with one to two -CN groups and ~~each of which~~ is optionally substituted with C₃.C₈ cycloalkyl.

4. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 2 wherein:

D' is C₂.C₁₅ alkynyl which is substituted with one to two -CN groups and ~~each of which~~ is optionally substituted with C₃.C₈ cycloalkyl.

5. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 having the formula IB:



wherein:

D' is selected from C₁-C₁₅ alkyl, C₂-C₁₅ alkenyl or C₂-C₁₅ alkynyl, each of which contains one or more substituents selected from oxo, [[halo,]] -CF₃, -OCF₃, -NO₂, azido, -SH, [[-SR³,]] -N(R³)-N(R³)₂, -O-N(R³)₂, -(R³)N-O-(R³), [[-N(R³)₂,]] -CO₂R³, -C(O)-N(R³)₂, -S(O)_n-N(R³)₂, -N(R³)-C(O)-R³, -N(R³)-C(O)-N(R³)₂, -N(R³)-C(O)-S(R³), -C(O)-R³, [[-S(O)_n-R³,]] -N(R³)-S(O)_n(R³), -N(R³)-S(O)_n-N(R³)₂, -S-NR³-C(O)R³, -C(S)N(R³)₂, -C(S)R³, -NR³, -C(O)OR³, -O-C(O)OR³, -O-C(O)N(R³)₂, -NR³-C(S)R³, =N-OH, =N-OR³, =N-N(R³)₂, =NR³, =NNR³-C(O)N(R³)₂, =NNR³-C(O)OR³, =NNR³-S(O)_n-N(R³)₂, -NR³-C(S)OR³, -NR³-C(S)N(R³)₂, -NR³-C[=N(R³)]-N(R³)₂, -N(R³)-C[=N-NO₂]-N(R³)₂, -N(R³)-C[=N-NO₂]-OR³, -N(R³)-C[=N-CN]-OR³, -N(R³)-C[=N-CN]-N(R³)₂, -OC(O)R³, -OC(S)R³, -OC(O)N(R³)₂, -C(O)N(R³)-N(R³)₂, -O-C(O)N(R³)-N(R³)₂, O-C(O)N(OR³)(R³), N(R³)-N(R³)C(O)R³, N(R³)-OC(O)R³, N(R³)-OC(O)R³, N(R³)-OC(S)N(R³)₂, -OC(S)N(R³)(R³), or PO₃-R³; with the proviso that when R³ is H, E' is -SO₂, G is H or alkyl, and when B is present or when B is not present and R¹ is -C(O), D' may not be C₁-C₁₅ alkyl substituted with one substituent selected from -N(R³)₂, -SR³ or -S(O)_n-R³, or substituted with two -N(R³)₂ substituents.

6. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 5 wherein:

D' is selected from C₁-C₁₅ alkyl or C₂-C₁₅ alkenyl, each of which contains one or more substituents selected from oxo, [[halo,]] -CF₃, -OCF₃, -NO₂, azido, -N(R³)-N(R³)₂, -O-N(R³)₂, -(R³)N-O-(R³), [[-N(R³)₂,]] -N(R³)-C(O)-N(R³)₂, -N(R³)-C(O)-S(R³), -C(O)-R³, [[-S(O)_n-R³,]]

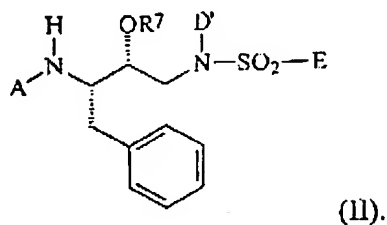
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 $C(O)OR^3$, $-O-C(O)OR^3$, $-O-C(O)N(R^3)_2$, $-NR^3-C(S)R^3$, $=N-OH$, $=N-OR^3$, $=N-N(R^3)_2$, $=NR^3$,
 $=NNR^3C(O)N(R^3)_2$, $=NNR^3C(O)OR^3$, $=NNR^3S(O)_n-N(R^3)_2$, $-NR^3-C(S)OR^3$, $-NR^3-C(S)N(R^3)_2$,
 $-NR^3-C[=N(R^3)]-N(R^3)_2$, $-N(R^3)-C[=N-NO_2]-N(R^3)_2$, $-N(R^3)-C[=N-NO_2]-OR^3$, $-N(R^3)-C[=N-$
 $CN]-OR^3$, $-N(R^3)-C[=N-CN]-(R^3)_2$, $-OC(O)R^3$, $-OC(S)R^3$, $-OC(O)N(R^3)_2$, $-C(O)N(R^3)-N(R^3)_2$,
 $-O-C(O)N(R^3)-N(R^3)_2$, $O-C(O)N(OR^3)(R^3)$, $N(R^3)-N(R^3)C(O)R^3$, $N(R^3)-OC(O)R^3$, $N(R^3)-$
 $OC(O)R^3$, $N(R^3)-OC(O)R^3$, $-OC(S)N(R^3)_2$, $-OC(S)N(R^3)(R^3)$, or PO_3-R^3 ; C_2-C_{15} alkynyl which
contains one or more substituents selected from oxo, $[[halo,]]$ $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-NO_2$, azido, $-SH$,
 $[[SR^3,]]$ $-N(R^3)-N(R^3)_2$, $-O-N(R^3)_2$, $-(R^3)N-O-(R^3)$, $[[N(R^3)_2,]]$ $-CO_2R^3$, $-C(O)-N(R^3)_2$, $-$
 $S(O)_n-N(R^3)_2$, $-N(R^3)-C(O)-R^3$, $-N(R^3)-C(O)-N(R^3)_2$, $-N(R^3)-C(O)-S(R^3)$, $-C(O)-R^3$, $[[S(O)_n-$
 $R^3,]]$ $-N(R^3)-S(O)_n(R^3)$, $-N(R^3)-S(O)_n-N(R^3)_2$, $-S-NR^3-C(O)R^3$, $-C(S)N(R^3)_2$, $-C(S)R^3$, $-NR^3$,
 $C(O)OR^3$, $-O-C(O)OR^3$, $-O-C(O)N(R^3)_2$, $-NR^3-C(S)R^3$, $=N-OH$, $=N-OR^3$, $=N-N(R^3)_2$, $=NR^3$,
 $=NNR^3C(O)N(R^3)_2$, $=NNR^3C(O)OR^3$, $=NNR^3S(O)_n-N(R^3)_2$, $-NR^3-C(S)OR^3$, $-NR^3-C(S)N(R^3)_2$,
 $-NR^3-C[=N(R^3)]-N(R^3)_2$, $-N(R^3)-C[=N-NO_2]-N(R^3)_2$, $-N(R^3)-C[=N-NO_2]-OR^3$, $-N(R^3)-C[=N-$
 $CN]-OR^3$, $-N(R^3)-C[=N-CN]-(R^3)_2$, $-OC(O)R^3$, $-OC(S)R^3$, $-OC(O)N(R^3)_2$, $-C(O)N(R^3)-N(R^3)_2$,
 $-O-C(O)N(R^3)-N(R^3)_2$, $O-C(O)N(OR^3)(R^3)$, $N(R^3)-N(R^3)C(O)R^3$, $N(R^3)-OC(O)R^3$, $N(R^3)-$
 $OC(O)R^3$, $N(R^3)-OC(O)R^3$, $-OC(S)N(R^3)_2$, $-OC(S)N(R^3)(R^3)$, or PO_3-R^3 ; ~~with the proviso that~~
~~when R^7 is H, E' is $-SO_2$, G is H or alkyl, and when B is present or when B is not present and~~
 ~~R^4 is $-C(O)-$, D' may not be C_1-C_{15} alkyl substituted with one substituent selected from $-N(R^3)_2$~~
~~or $-S(O)_n-R^3$, or substituted with two $-N(R^3)_2$ substituents.~~

7. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 5 wherein:

D' is selected from C_1-C_{15} alkyl or C_2-C_{15} alkenyl, each of which contains one or more
substituents selected from $-SH$, $[[SR^3,]]$ $-CO_2R^3$, $-C(O)-N(R^3)_2$, $-S(O)_n-N(R^3)_2$ or $-N(R^3)-$
 $C(O)-R^3$; ~~with the proviso that when R^7 is H, E' is $-SO_2$, G is H or alkyl, and when B is present~~
~~or when B is not present and R^4 is $-C(O)-$, D' may not be C_1-C_{15} alkyl substituted with one~~
~~substituent selected from $-SR^3$.~~

$\text{PO}_3\text{-sperminc}$, $\text{PO}_3\text{-(spermidine)}_2$ or $\text{PO}_3\text{-(meglaminc)}_2$.

10. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim [[8]] 1, having the formula II:

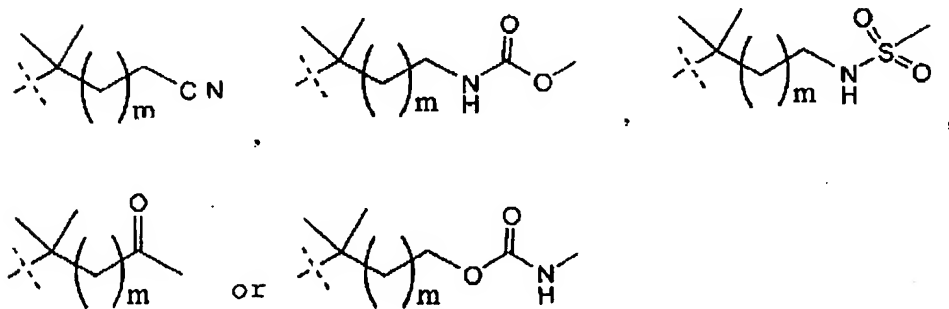


11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The compound according to claim 10, wherein:

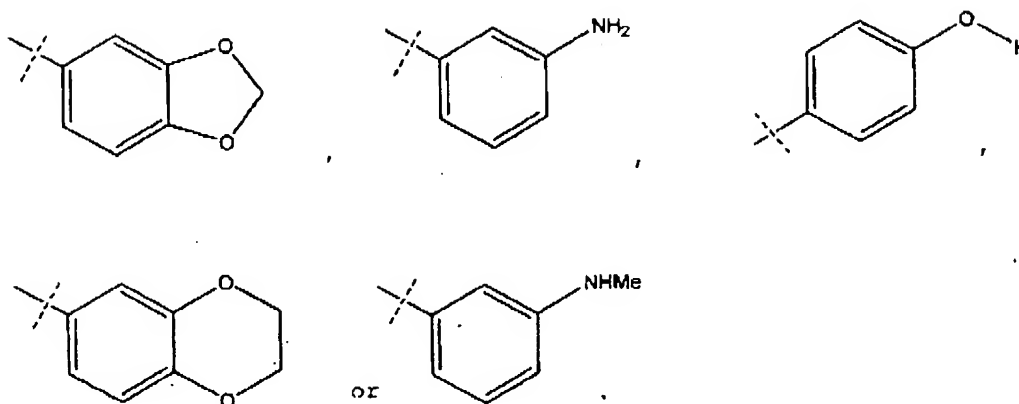
D' is $-\text{CH}_2\text{-R}''$; and

R'' is selected from



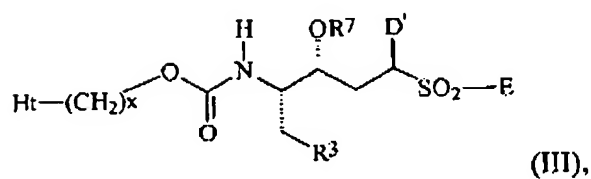
wherein m is 0 to 3.

13. (Original) The compound according to claim 10, wherein E is selected from



14. (Withdrawn) The compound according to claim 10, wherein R^7 is $-\text{PO}_3^{2-}$

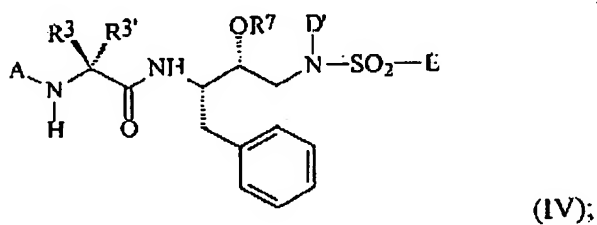
15. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, having the formula III:



wherein $x = 1$.

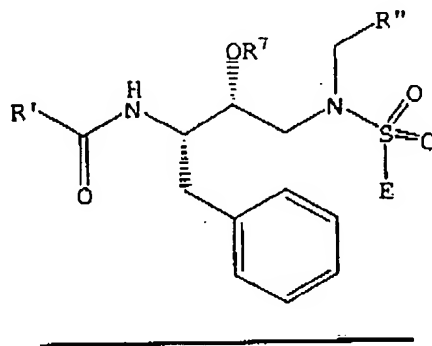
16. (Withdrawn) The compound according to claim 1, having the formula

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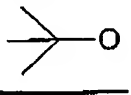
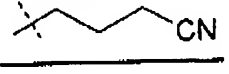
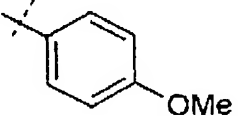
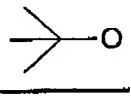

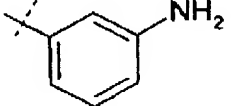
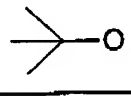

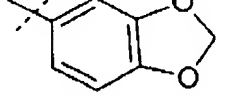
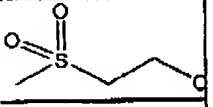
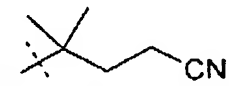
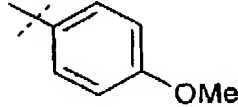
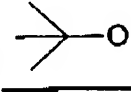
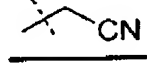
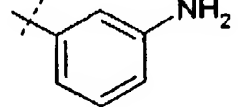
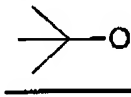
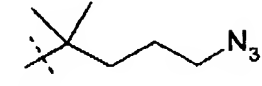
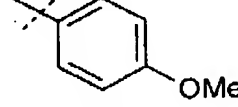
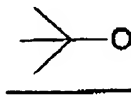
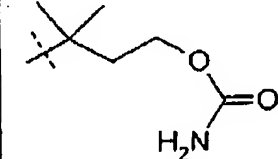
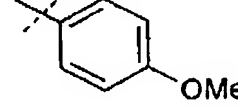
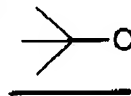
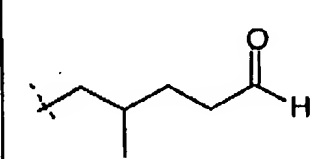
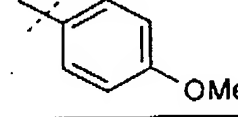
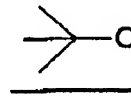
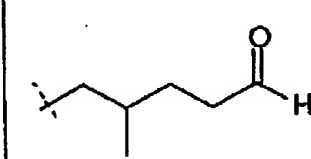
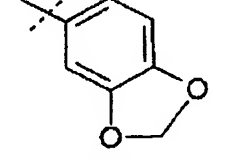
wherein $R^{3'}$ is selected from H, Ht, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl or C_5 - C_6 cycloalkenyl; wherein any member of said R^3 , except H, is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from $-OR^2$, $-C(O)-NH-R^2$, $-S(O)_n-N(R^2)(R^2)$, $-N(R^2)_2$, $-N(R^2)-C(O)-O(R^2)$, $-N(R^2)-C(O)-N(R^2)$, $-N(R^2)-C(O)-(R^2)$, $-N(R^2-OR^2)_2$, $-C(O)-Ht$, Ht, $-CN$, $-SR^2$, $-CO_2R^2$, or $NR^2-C(O)-R^2$.

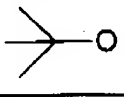
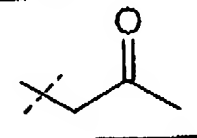
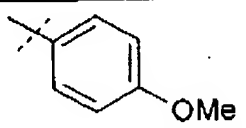
17. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is selected from any one of compound numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 22, 127, 203, 234, 277, 278, 279, 363, and 364;

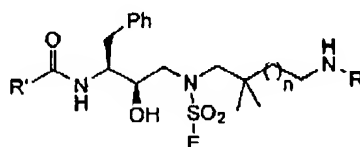


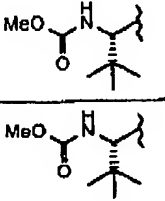
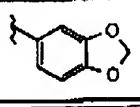
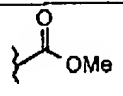
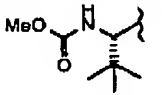
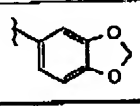
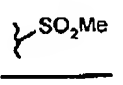
wherein R^7 is H; and

Compound	R'	R''	E
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<u>2</u>			
<u>3</u>			

Compound	R'	R''	E
<u>4</u>			
<u>5</u>			
<u>6</u>			
<u>22</u>			
<u>127</u>			
<u>203</u>			
<u>234</u>			
<u>277</u>			
<u>278</u>			

Compound	R'	R''	E
<u>279</u>			



Compound	R'	E	n	R
<u>363</u>			<u>3</u>	
<u>364</u>			<u>3</u>	

18-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) A composition comprising a compound according to any one of claims ~~1-10 and 12-17~~ 1-7, 10, 12, 13, 15, and 17 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in a therapeutically effective amount ~~an amount sufficient to detectably inhibit aspartyl protease activity in a patient,~~ and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

24. (Original) The composition according to claim 23, further comprising an additional antiviral agent other than a compound of formula (I).

25. (Original) The composition according to claim 23, wherein said composition is formulated as a pharmaceutically acceptable, orally available tablet or capsule.

26. (Currently amended) A method of treating an HIV virus infection in a human comprising the step of administering to said human a composition according to ~~any one of claims 23 to 25~~ claim 23.

27. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 26, further comprising the step of

administering to said patient an additional antiviral agent other than a compound of formula I, wherein said additional antiviral agent is administered prior to, simultaneously with or following administration of said composition.

28. (New) A method of treating an HIV virus infection in a human comprising the step of administering to said human a composition according to claim 24.

29. (New) The method according to claim 28, further comprising the step of

administering to said patient a second additional antiviral agent other than a compound of formula I, wherein said second additional antiviral agent is administered prior to, simultaneously with or following administration of said composition.

30. (New) A method of treating an HIV virus infection in a human comprising the step of administering to said human a composition according to claim 25.

31. (New) The method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of administering to said patient an additional antiviral agent other than a compound of formula I, wherein said additional antiviral agent is administered prior to, simultaneously with or following administration of said composition.